

Erasmus+ Application Form

2022 Pre-Season Trip

LFE has secured funding from the Erasmus+ programme to take EFL Clubs to Europe on a pre-season trip in the summer of 2022.

Each club will have up to 18 Apprentices and 4 staff funded. Any additional players or staff will need to be self-funded.

For full details (including eligibility policy) please visit:
www.lfe.org.uk/erasmusplus/erasmus-pre-season-trip

If you would like to be considered for a place on this trip please complete the following application form and commitment statement, submitting it via email to **ebrand@lfe.org.uk** by **17:00 on Monday 25th October 2021**.

Please be aware that this application has a word limit, each question has 3000 characters including spaces. The extended answers/additional comments section has 4000 characters including spaces. Clubs will be expected to complete their application within these.

No other format of submissions will be accepted.

We recommend you use Adobe Acrobat Reader to complete this form.

Download at <https://get.adobe.com/uk/reader/otherversions/>

Club: _____

Full Name: _____

Position: _____

Please note:

On submitting this application you are agreeing to the commitments listed on page 8.

It is essential all Academy staff are aware of and agree to the conditions of the trip including Academy Manager, Head of Education, PDP Coaches, Academy Physio.

If any of these do not agree to the commitments please do not apply.

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Professional Development

The trip aims to expose players (and club staff) to the philosophies and training environments in Europe. The trip also aims to allow players (and club staff) to observe, experience and evaluate European technical, tactical and physical training techniques.

1. What benefits do you believe can be gained from doing this?

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Personal Development

The trip seeks to facilitate the Personal Development and Life Skills acquisition of Apprentices (and Club Staff) through:

- A. Greater self-awareness
- B. Improved characteristics, behaviours and attitudes
- C. Enhanced cultural awareness
- D. Recognising and/or acquiring employability skills
- E. Engaging with the local language
- F. Broadening horizons

2. Why do you believe this is important and how do you think this complements Professional Development?

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Career Opportunities

The trip hopes to expand player (and club staff) knowledge of both playing and non-playing career opportunities within Europe.

3. What knowledge would you hope is gained around both areas and why?

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Learning Recognition

The project needs to ensure that any apprentice learning and development is captured and recognised.

4. How will Club Staff ensure the players experiences, knowledge and skills are captured and recognised?

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Implementing and Sharing Best Practice

The project needs to ensure that any best practice is embedded at local (Club) and national (Football Industry) level.

5. What processes will Club Staff go through to:

- a) Embed any best practice from the trip into their own development programmes?
- b) Highlight best practice to Football's Governing and Education Bodies? (FA/PL/EFL/PFA/LFE)

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Please use the extra space below for any extended answers/additional comments.

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6. Club/Apprentice Commitments

To successfully fulfil the trips in line with the funding body regulations, all clubs must make commit to the following statements. Please click on the tick box to confirm your commitment.

- We commit to playing a minimum of three games across the two week trip against European opposition.
- We commit to taking a squad of minimum 16 players, with the understanding that if any players are not apprentices they will need to be self-funded.
- We commit that all staff participating in the tour will complete the full two week programme.
- We commit to taking part in all pre and post trip meetings and to providing all information in the timeframes requested.
- We understand that some games/training sessions will be played on 3/4G pitches and commit to playing on this surface.
- We understand that as a requirement of the European funding we will undertake a full social and cultural programme and are happy to commit to this.
- We commit to full interaction with our host club before and during the trip.
- We commit to taking part in four host coaching sessions which will be delivered by the host club.
- We commit to working with LFE and the host club to provide information on individual player assessment which will feed into an agreed training plan with the host club.
- We commit to taking responsibility for PR engagement, taking photos and video and having a social media presence for the duration of the trip.
- We commit to fulfilling all activities as agreed (prior to departure) on the two week itinerary.
- We commit to adhering to all necessary covid-19 protocols before, during and after the trips.

**By selecting this box you agree to comply with ALL the above statements.
Failure to do so will result in your application being withdrawn.**

Please note:

Access to the following is not covered by the funding, if required on the trip it may be possible to arrange them at an additional cost:

- Doctor/Paramedics
- Defibrillator
- Gas & air

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7. Additional Information

Please select an answer to each of the questions below.

Question (Please tick relevant box)	Explanation/Notes
Have you or your club participated in an Erasmus+ funded trip in the last 2 years? <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </div>	If 'Yes' please confirm dates:
Is your club willing to act as a host to individual players and coaches travelling to the UK on a funded trip? <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </div>	

Right to Withdraw

LFE reserve the right to withdraw the offer of a trip if:

- The level of players or staffing for the trip is not appropriate
- The academy manager is changed and the replacement is not appointed with sufficient time to agree all logistical elements of the trip
- The club is not fulfilling all responsibilities under the SEP programme
- Any other extenuating circumstances arise

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